

IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM

Actions	Responsible Party	Timeframe
HCI.A.1. Seek National Register and National Historic Landmark designation of significant properties and explore designation of the island as a whole	Historic District Commission Historic Society	Ongoing
HCI.A.2. Seek National Register Landmark District designation for the North Light	North Light Commission	Short-term
HCI.A.3. Complete survey of historic structures and sites beyond the boundaries of the Historic District.	Historic Society	Long-term
HCI.A.4. Conduct an island-wide inventory of scenic roads and landscape	Historic Society	Long-term
HC.I.B.1. Document and photograph high tides and storm flooding impacts, bluff erosion, etc. in the vicinity of historically significant structures	Planning Board Building, Zoning, Land Use & Planning Town Manager	Ongoing
HCI.C.1. Encourage property owners to voluntarily add their property to the Historic District	Historic District Commission Town Council	Ongoing
HCI.C.2. Evaluate the current boundaries of the Historic District	Historic District Commission Town Council	Short-term
HCI.C.3. Increase monitoring and enforcement efforts of neglected historic properties	Building, Zoning, Land Use & Planning	Ongoing
HC2.A.1. Work with partners to identify and implement solutions to control vegetation growth and invasive species	Building, Zoning, Land Use & Planning Land Trust Town Council	Medium-term
HC2.B.1. Review local regulations to ensure that the scenic and rural character of roads are protected and that development is concealed to the extent possible from public travelways and vantage points	Building, Zoning, Land Use & Planning Planning Board	Short-term
HC2.C.1 Adopt a stonewall ordinance that ensures protection of stonewalls at public vantage points	Planning Board Town Council	Long-term
NRI.A.1. Review new State wetlands setback regulations and determine if additional protection measures are required to protect the quality and habitat of the wetlands systems on Block Island	Building, Zoning, Land Use & Planning Planning Board Conservation Commission Town Manager Town Council	Short-term
NRI.A.2. Develop zoning overlay district with special use permit for high hazard areas that include storm surge inundation, sea level rise and SLAMM projected potential salt marsh areas	Building, Zoning, Land Use & Planning Planning Board Town Council	Medium-term
NRI.B.1. Identify undeveloped land containing habitats of endangered species and/or having a high potential for coastal wetland migration	Land Trust Town Council	Medium-term
NRI.B.2. Explore issues related to reforestation and identify potential lands where reforestation may be a good option	Land Trust Conservation Commission Planning Board Town Council	Long-term
NRI.C.1. Develop informational guides for property owners on how to manage open fields for wildlife and the best cutting practices to achieve various desired results	Land Trust Planning Board Conservation Commission	Long-term

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NR1.D.1. Develop an invasive species management plan for Town-owned open space properties	Conservation Commission Planning Board Recreation	Long-term
NR1.E.1. Develop an education program aimed at visitors and renters to promote good environmental behavior and responsible stewardship	Tourism Council Conservation Commission Recreation	Medium-term
NR1.E.2. Institute programs at the Block Island School with partners that encourage outdoor learning, natural resources preservation and stewardship among the next generation	School Department	Ongoing
NR2.A.1. Investigate strategies to reduce and limit impervious surface on the island and establish a policy identifying an upper limit on the total percentage of impervious cover on the island to be incorporated in the next update of the Comprehensive Plan	Building, Zoning, Land Use & Planning Planning Board Town Council	Long-term
NR2.A.2. Enact guidelines and institute an education campaign on the appropriate use of fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides; Town should serve as a model of best practices	Conservation Commission Recreation Building, Zoning, Land Use & Planning Planning Board Town Manager Town Council	Medium-term
NR2.A.3. Review and strengthen current regulations regarding LID (low impact development)	Building, Zoning, Land Use & Planning Planning Board Town Council	Medium-term
NR2.A.4. Review and strengthen landscaping requirements to ensure low maintenance native vegetation that minimizes the need for watering and use of lawns, fertilizers, and pesticides are used for all new development projects	Building, Zoning, Land Use & Planning Planning Board	Medium-term
NR2.B.1. Draft and adopt regulations to require the preservation or restoration of naturally buffered areas along the Great Salt Pond and significant freshwater ponds	Building, Zoning, Land Use & Planning Planning Board Town Council	Short-term
NR2.B.2. Determine appropriate minimum buffer width and establish incentives for property owners who maintain a vegetated buffer in excess of the minimum	Building, Zoning, Land Use & Planning Planning Board	Short-term
NR2.B.3. With partners, conduct an inventory of vernal ponds; enforce buffers and control use of fertilizers in these area	Land Trust Conservation Commission Building, Zoning, Land Use & Planning Planning Board	Long-term

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NR3.A.1. Enact a twelve-month moratorium on individual beach access stair structures	Town Council	Short-term
NR3.A.2. Craft and enact regulations to ensure private beach access structures are located and designed in a manner that minimizes any adverse impacts	Building, Zoning, Land Use & Planning Planning Board Town Council	Short-term
NR3.B.1. Install beach access signage to encourage pedestrians to remain off dunes	Recreation Town Manager	Short-term
NR3.B.2. Implement an effective public education campaign which explains the importance of people remaining off dunes	Recreation Town Manager Town Council	Short-term
NR3.B.3. Install public walkover structures at the Town Beach to discourage traversing the fragile dunes (NHCI.B.2.)	Facilities Manager Building, Zoning, Land Use & Planning Town Manager	Short-term
RCI.A.1. Partner with non-profits to identify and prioritize open space lands that should be conserved	Land Trust Conservation Commission GIS Town Manager Town Council	Ongoing
RCI.A.2. Collaborate with non-profits when acquiring, developing, and maintaining recreation and conservation areas	Land Trust Conservation Commission Town Manager Town Council	Ongoing
RCI.A.3. Prioritize the conservation of lands abutting conserved lands to create large protected greenways, habitat areas and opportunities for trail extensions	Land Trust Town Council	Ongoing
RCI.B.4. Determine if conservation-style subdivisions should be mandatory for all major subdivisions	Planning Board	Short-term
RCI.C.1. Maintain pedestrian trails including the greenway and right-of-ways to the shore so that they remain passable and have appropriate signage	Conservation Commission Land Trust Town Manager	Ongoing
RCI.C.2. Inventory, document and map all public access points to the shoreline and freshwater bodies; publish and distribute a public waterfront access guide	SAWG GIS Harbors Department Recreation Department	Short-term
RCI.C.3. Create and disseminate a blueways map and guide to promote paddling (GSP2.B.1.)	GIS Harbors Department Tourism Council Recreation Department	Short-term

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RC1.D.1. Develop a maintenance plan for town recreational facilities that establishes roles and responsibilities of the various town departments and groups	Recreation Department School Department Land Trust Town Manager	Short-term
RC1.D.2. Add amenities and make upgrades to existing town-owned parks when possible	Town Manager Recreation Department Town Council	Ongoing
RC1.D.3. Construct a staircase to provide access from Water Street to Dinghy Beach	Town Manager; Facilities Director; Building Official, Old Harbor Task Force	Short-term
RC2.A.1. Develop and implement a fiscally feasible Recreation Master Plan that serves the long-term needs of residents	Building, Zoning, Land Use & Planning Planning Board Recreation Department Town Manager Town Council	Medium-term
RC2.A.2. Explore location options and financial ability of town to develop and operate an indoor recreational facility	Planning Board Town Manager Town Council	Short-term
RC2.A.3. Identify potential locations for the future development of playing fields to relieve issues related to over-use and scheduling conflicts	Planning Board Town Manager	Medium-term
RC2.A.4. Add additional year-round recreational program opportunities targeted to older adults and seniors	Recreation Department	Short-term
RC2.C.1. Incorporate safe and convenient pedestrian and bicycle access to town recreational facilities	Building, Zoning, Land Use & Planning Planning Board Town Manager	Ongoing
RC2.C.2. Retrofit existing facilities when possible to provide increased access to recreational facilities by disabled and seniors	Building, Zoning, Land Use & Planning Planning Board Town Manager	Ongoing
RC2.C.3. Explore opportunities for increased access to the Block Island School gymnasium for adult recreation programs	Recreation Department School Department	Short-term
RC2.D.1. Require that significant land development projects, including major subdivisions, incorporate open space and recreational amenities	Building, Zoning, Land Use & Planning Planning Board	Short-term
GSP1.A.1. Working with partners, such as the CGSP, continue to monitor water quality through coordinated and expanded water sampling efforts at various locations throughout the pond	Harbors Department Harbors Commission Shellfish Commission	Ongoing
GSP1.A.2. With partners, conduct complete physical and chemical analyses of the pond's bottom soil	Harbors Commission Shellfish Commission	Short-term
GSP1.A.3. Identify point sources of pollution and initiate immediate action to cease the activity	Harbors Department	Ongoing
GSP1.B.1. Work with partners to conduct a study to identify potential non-point sources of pollution upstream of the Great Salt Pond	Town Manager Building, Zoning, Land Use & Planning	Short-term

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GSP1.B.2. Encourage local land conservation groups such as the Block Island Land Trust, the Nature Conservancy, and the Block Island Conservancy to prioritize land conservation investments which will have a positive impact on water quality of the GSP	Town Manager Town Council Conservation Commission	Ongoing
GSP1.B.3. Educate property owners on best management practices such as minimizing use of herbicides and pesticides	Harbors Department Building, Zoning, Land Use & Planning Conservation Commission	Ongoing
GSP1.C.1. Seek grant funding to implement strategies identified in the Block Island Sea Level Rise Adaptation Study	Building, Zoning, Land Use & Planning Land Use & Planning Grant Writer	Medium-term
GSP1.C.2. Identify lands that will provide marsh migration areas for coastal wetlands of the Great Salt Pond in response to sea level rise	Building, Zoning, Land Use & Planning Land Trust Conservation Commission	Medium-term
GSP1.C.3. With the help of partners, pursue dune restoration projects to mitigate erosion and provide habitat along the Great Salt Pond	Town Manager Building, Zoning, Land Use & Planning Land Use & Planning Grant Writer	Long-term
GSP1.C.4. Consider sea level rise and storm flooding when designing upgrades to or locating public facilities including roads, bridges, structures, utilities, and pump stations	Planning Board Sewer Commission Water Commission Town Manager	Ongoing
GSP2.A.1 Survey visiting boaters' experience at New Harbor and their opinions of the island while also collecting valuable data in regards to economic contributions to the local economy during their stay	Harbors Department	Ongoing
GSP2.A.2. Consider offering public restroom and shower facilities, dingy dockage, and storage lockers for New Harbor	Town Manager Town Council Harbors Commission Planning Board	Medium-term
GSP2.A.3. Determine new location for Harbormaster's Office in the vicinity of New Harbor	Town Manager Town Council	Short-term
GSP2.A.4. Establish and maintain a reserve fund dedicated to public improvements for New Harbor	Town Council Finance Department	Short-term
GSP2.A.5. Seek grant opportunities to help fund potential upgrade and expansion of public harbor facilities	Harbors Department Grant Writer Town Manager	Medium-term
GSP2.A.6. Install kiosk that provides information to boaters including the annual Harbor's Guide and a map of the attractions and services surrounding the Great Salt Pond	Harbors Department GIS Department Town Manager	Medium-term
GSP2.B.1. Create and disseminate a blueways map and guide to promote paddling (RCI.C.3.)	Recreation Department GIS Harbors Department Tourism Council	Short-term

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GSP2.C.1. Take actions to meet the goals and objectives identified in the locally adopted Harbor Management Plan	Town Manager Harbors Department Harbors Commission	Short-term
GSP2.C.2. Develop a plan with the US Coast Guard and US Army Corp of Engineers which clearly delineates areas for rental moorings, private moorings, anchorages, channels, fairways and turning basins	Town Manager Harbors Department Town Council	Medium-term
GSP2.C.3. Determine scientifically-based maximum number of moorings to prevent negative impacts	Harbors Department	Short-term
GSP3.A.1. Review current local regulations (subdivision, zoning etc.) to ensure they provide the necessary protections for the Great Salt Pond	Building, Zoning, Land Use & Planning Conservation Commission	Short-term
GSP3.B.1. Update the Great Salt Pond Management Plan	Building, Zoning, Land Use & Planning Harbors Department	Medium-term
GSP3.B.2. Seek CRMC approval of locally adopted Harbor Management Plan; keep Harbor Management Plan current through future updates	Harbors Department Town Manager Town Council	Short-term
GSP3.C.1. Maintain an inventory of public right-of-ways to the shore and disseminate a map to residents and visitors	Town Clerk GIS	Ongoing
GSP3.D.1. Explore options for the repurposing of the former Coast Guard Station	Town Manager Town Council Large Capital Asset Committee	Short-term
GSP3.E.1. Support the Shellfish Commission and other organizations in their efforts to develop aquaculture projects and expand shellfish and finfish resources	Town Council Harbors Commission Shellfish Commission	Ongoing
H1.A.1. Consider adopting an inclusionary zoning ordinance with a municipal subsidy system and option to pay-in-lieu	Planning Board	Medium-term
H1.A.2. Identify additional sources of funding for Housing Trust Fund	Town Council Finance Town Manager Housing Board	Ongoing
H1.B.1. Explore providing tax incentives to owners who offer year-round rental of their home to income eligible residents	Town Council Finance Town Manager Housing Board	Medium-term
H1.C.1. Identify both town and privately owned properties which could be suitable sites for the development of affordable residential units	Planning Board Town Manager Housing Board	Short-term
H1.D.1. Monitor deed restrictions of affordable housing units and act proactively to ensure units do not expire and transition to market-rate housing	Housing Board Planning Board Town Council	Ongoing

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H1.E.1. Establish a stronger monitoring program and/or a tax abatement program for accessory apartments	Town Manager Town Council Building, Zoning, Land Use & Planning Finance	Medium-term
H1.F.1. Evaluate demand for senior and special needs housing	Housing Board Building, Zoning, Land Use & Planning Planning Board	Medium-term
H1.F.2. Acquire and hold land for future affordable housing needs	Town Council Housing Board	Ongoing
H1.G.1. Evaluate current tax assessment policies and explore instituting a homestead tax exemption	Town Council Finance Tax Assessor Town Manager	Medium-term
H1.G.2. Investigate housing subsidy program option for workers (current and retired) fulfilling necessary government functions	Town Council Finance Town Manager	Medium-term
H1.G.3. Explore options for town provision of seasonal and/or temporary housing / overnight accommodations for temporary town employees or contractors	Town Manager Facilities Manager Town Council	Medium-term
H1.I.1. In partnership with other municipalities, participate in review and update of current affordable housing legislation	Town Council Housing Board Town Manager	Ongoing
H2.A.1. Foster public private partnerships to address seasonal workforce housing needs	Town Manager Town Council	Short-term
H2.A.2. Advance zoning measures to facilitate the provision of seasonal workforce housing by the private sector	Building, Zoning, Land Use & Planning Planning Board	Short-term
H2.A.3. Conduct an education and outreach campaign to raise awareness about seasonal workforce housing needs; encourage owners to rent rooms to seasonal workers	Housing Board Town Council	Ongoing
H2.B.1. Inform homeowners about resources to assist with home repair, maintenance and winterization	Building, Zoning, Land Use & Planning Minimum Housing Inspector	Ongoing

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H2.C.1. Promote low housing densities where public services are unavailable and are not planned	Planning Board	Ongoing
H2.C.2. Promote conservation-style development requiring open space set asides in all new major subdivision	Planning Board	Ongoing
ED1.A.1. Create incentives to attract or develop island-grown businesses which provide locally needed products and services while also offering year-round job opportunities	Finance Tax Assessor Town Council	Medium-term
ED1.A.2. Establish an incubator space for business start-ups; explore partnerships and grant opportunities to assist with funding construction and operations	Grant Writer Town Manager Town Council	Medium-term
ED1.A.3. Work with partners to establish an outreach program for unemployed residents	Town Council	Long-term
ED1.A.4. Work with partners to undertake surveys, market the island's businesses not directly related to tourism, and solicit specific recommendations for any necessary changes in town policies, regulations and taxation	Town Council	Ongoing
ED1.A.5. Conduct a review of the current zoning ordinance and map to identify potentially suitable additional areas where commercial uses would be appropriate	Planning Board	Short-term
ED1.B.1. Identify and offer quality real-world training opportunities and programs to students	School Department	Ongoing
ED1.C.1. Establish a working group consisting of residents, local business owners and municipal representatives to develop strategies to better support local businesses	Town Council	Medium-term
ED1.C.2. Take measures to control the costs of freight and electricity	Town Manager Town Council	Ongoing
ED1.D.1. Foster the establishment of a downtown merchants association and other local business associations	Old Harbor Task Force Town Council	Short-term
ED1.D.2. Establish a program to ensure the installation of consistent amenities including but not limited to benches and bicycle racks	Planning Board Historic District Commission Old Harbor Task Force	Short-term
ED1.E.1. Determine appropriate opportunities for low-impact, home-based businesses and amend zoning ordinance to allow with a special use permit	Planning Board Building, Zoning, Land Use & Planning	Short-term

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ED1.F.1. Amend zoning to encourage agritourism activities and the production of value-added agricultural products	Planning Board Building, Zoning, Land Use & Planning	Short-term
ED1.F.2. Continue to acquire or purchase development rights to farmlands with partners	Land Trust Town Council	Ongoing
ED1.F.3. Investigate options to offer no-cost or low-cost leasing options of conserved lands to farmers	Land Trust	Medium-term
ED1.G.1. Never permit uses such as heavy manufacturing or commercial gambling that would destroy the character of the island	Town Council Planning Board Zoning Board	Ongoing
ED1.H.1. Permit in reasonable quantity ecologically sound aquaculture activities (See Chapter 2. The Great Salt Pond)	Harbors Commission Harbors Department Town Council	Ongoing
ED1.I.1. Permit affordable year-round rental housing and homeownership opportunities throughout the island	Planning Board Zoning Board Block Island Housing Trust	Ongoing
ED1.I.2. Identify potential locations for seasonal workforce housing	Block Island Housing Trust	Short-term
ED1.J.1. Target economic development activities in areas where development and infrastructure exist	Planning Board	Ongoing
ED1.K.1. Establish island-wide reliable high-speed internet connection	Information Technology Broadband Working Group Town Manager Town Council	Short-term
ED2.A.1. Control access to the beaches in a way that protects dunes and bluffs from damage	Conservation Commission Town Manager	Ongoing
ED2.A.2. Identify and promote tourist activities for the “shoulder” and off seasons, specifically those which emphasize individual and quality experiences rather than those designed to attract large numbers of visitors	Block Island Tourism Council	Ongoing
ED2.A.3. Consider establishing a sustainable tourism certificate program for island businesses	Block Island Tourism Council	Long-term
ED2.B.1. Provide improved access to beaches and trails, and increase availability of amenities such as bicycle racks, restrooms, benches, informational materials and signage	Conservation Commission Planning Board Town Council	Long-term
ED2.B.1. Implement a consistent and distinctly Block Island wayfinding signage program to help visitors find local services, facilities, landmarks and attractions (T1.E.3.)	Tourism Council Old Harbor Task Force Historic District Commission Planning Board	Medium-term

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ED2.C.1. Identify and map significant viewsheds and enact land use regulations to provide protection	Building, Zoning, Land Use & Planning GIS Department Planning Board Town Council	Medium-term
ED2.D.1. Schedule regular meetings with organizations and agencies involved in tourism to increase communication	Block Island Tourism Council Town Council	Ongoing
ED2.D.2. Work collaboratively with partners including the Block Island Tourism Council, the Block Island Chamber of Commerce, and Small Business Administration to leverage efforts	Block Island Tourism Council Town Council	Ongoing
T1.A.1. Adopt an airport hazard overlay zoning district to ensure land use compatibility in the vicinity of the state airport (per the requirements of RIGL 1-3-5 Airport Zoning Act)	Planning Board Town Council	Short-term
T1.A.2. Continue to undertake maintenance activities necessary to preserve safe and adequate docks	Town Manager Harbormaster Town Council	Ongoing
T1.A.3. Establish a local Transportation Commission or other similar body that can advocate the town's interests in access management decisions and the provision of mainland parking	Town Council	Short-term
T1.A.4. Discuss with state leaders the need for island representation on governing bodies making access management decisions relating to Block Island	Town Council Town Manager	Short-term
T1.A.5. Advocate for the establishment of a Port Authority with island representatives having an official seat at the table	Town Council Town Manager	Short-term
T1.B.1. Work with the Public Utilities Commission to establish daily ferry passenger and vehicle capacities	Town Manager Town Council	Medium-term
T1.B.2. Work with the Army Corps of Engineers and CRMC to maintain mooring limit capacity in the Great Salt Pond	Town Manager Harbormaster Town Council	Short-term
T1.C.1. Review and revise zoning as needed to reduce amount of required on-site parking and allow for off-site parking, shared parking, and contribution to public parking or a combination of these measures	Building, Zoning, Land Use & Planning Planning Board Zoning Board Town Council	Medium-term
T1.C.2. Establish and maintain limits on rental vehicles including mopeds	Town Council Police Department	Medium-term
T1.C.3. Develop a parking plan for the downtown and surrounding area	Planning Board Building, Zoning, Land Use & Planning	Medium-term
T1.C.4. Establish a Parking Task Force to address on island parking needs	Town Council	Short-term
T1.D.1. Provide a public system of satellite parking areas within walking distance to Downtown and the harbors	Planning Board Building, Zoning, Land Use & Planning Town Manager Town Council	Long-term

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T1.D.2. Explore establishing a fee-in-lieu system to support the development and maintenance of satellite parking areas as an alternative to requiring on-site parking Downtown	Planning Board Building, Zoning, Land Use & Planning Town Manager Town Council	Long-term
T1.E.1. Work with RIDOT to implement bicycle and pedestrian safety projects on the island	Police Department Building, Zoning, Land Use & Planning Town Manager Public Works	Ongoing
T1.E.2. Conduct regular road and sidewalk condition surveys as a means to better prioritize infrastructure investments	Public Works GIS Department Town Manager	Medium-term
T1.E.3. Implement a consistent and distinctly Block Island wayfinding signage program to help visitors find local services, facilities, landmarks and attractions (ED2.B.2.)	Tourism Council Old Harbor Task Force Historic District Committee Planning Board	Medium-term
T1.E.4. Conduct a public awareness and safety campaigns in regards to sharing the roads with cyclists and pedestrians and encouraging helmet use	Police Department	Short-term
T1.H.1. Evaluate each road currently or potentially impacted by sea-level rise or flooding to determine appropriate actions to limit impacts to the community	Building, Zoning, Land Use & Planning Emergency Management Task Force Planning Board Town Manager Town Council	Long-term
T1.H.2. Conduct a planning study of Corn Neck Road to identify alternatives to mitigate future impacts from storms and climate change (NHCI.A.4.)	Planning Board Building, Zoning, Land Use & Planning Town Manager Town Council	Short-term
T2.A.1. Review local subdivision and zoning regulations, and amend as necessary, to ensure roadways and amenities are designed for all users	Building, Zoning, Land Use & Planning Planning Board	Short-term
T2.A.2. Work with partners to install additional sidewalks and bicycle racks in and around Downtown	Old Harbor Task Force Tourism Council Planning Board Town Council	Ongoing

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T2.A.3. Require installation of benches and bicycle racks when reviewing substantial development projects	Planning Board	Ongoing
T2.A.4. Undertake a comprehensive bicycle and pedestrian plan to address user safety and overall mobility	Building, Zoning, Land Use & Planning Planning Board Town Manager	Medium-term
T2.A.5. Submit bicycle and sidewalk projects for inclusion in the State's Transportation Improvement Program and local Capital Improvement Program	Building, Zoning, Land Use & Planning Planning Board Town Manager Town Council	Ongoing
T2.B.1. Work with RIDOT to design bicycle and pedestrian paths that are congruent with the island's rural character	Building, Zoning, Land Use & Planning Planning Board Town Council	Ongoing
T2.B.2. Ensure walking trails including the Greenway and public right-of-ways to the shore remain passable and have appropriate signage	Conservation Commission Land Trust Town Manager	Ongoing
T2.C.1. Explore ways to provide transit options for the disabled and seniors	Town Council Town Manager	Long-term
T2.D.1. Advocate for ferry pricing and management decisions that reduce incentives to travel to the island with a personal vehicle	Town Council Town Manager	Ongoing
T2.D.2. Advocate for improved mainland parking facilities with affordable rates	Town Council Town Manager Tourism Council	Ongoing
T2.D.3. Work with the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management and the Town of Narragansett to develop a long-term parking plan in Point Judith	Town Council Town Manager Building, Zoning, Land Use & Planning	Long-term
T2.E.1. Provide access to public storage lockers and other amenities which improve the convenience and experience for daytrippers travelling to the island without a vehicle	Tourism Council Old Harbor Task Force Town Manager Town Council	Medium-term
T2.E.2. Explore viability of a limited fixed route seasonal jitney bus service to provide access to main attractions for visitors addressing first a connection between Old and New Harbor	Tourism Council Town Manager Town Council	Medium-term

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SF1.A.1. Make reliable high-speed internet available to the Block Island School and library in order to maintain and expand its educational programming	School Department Information Technology	Short-term
SF1.A.2. Undertake efforts to maintain and improve the long term viability of the public school system in response to reduced enrollment, including a plan to expand education on the island	School Department	Ongoing
SF1.B.1. Include costs of necessary and significant improvements to town facilities in the capital budget	Facilities Manager Planning Board Finance Town Manager Town Council	Ongoing
SF1.B.2. Explore reuse and rehabilitation of existing town structures for identified community needs	Facilities Manager Town Manager Planning Board	Short-term
SF1.C.1. Expand access to mental health treatment and substance abuse counseling	Block Island Medical Center NAMI Block Island Town Council	Ongoing
SF1.C.2. Increase telemedicine opportunities	Block Island Medical Center Information Technology	Short-term
SF1.C.3. Assist in identifying a long-term funding source for a mental health case worker	NAMI Block Island Town Council	Short-term
SF1.C.4. Ensure town departments are represented and contribute to NAMI BI task force	NAMI Block Island Town Council	Short-term
SF1.D.1. Evaluate current and anticipated future need for additional senior support services and staff including a social worker	Senior Coordinator Senior Committee Town Council	Medium-term
SF1.D.2. Promote and permit the development of appropriately located assisted living housing and transportation services	Senior Committee Town Council	Long-term
SF1.E.1. Communicate public safety needs to the State including a potential need for additional State Police presence during summer months	Police Town Manager	Short-term
SF1.E.2. Evaluate need for paid fire or rescue personnel	Town Manager Town Council Fire	Medium-term
SF1.F.1. Conduct a cost analysis comparing average annual costs associated with housing town staff and consultants and costs associated with the development and ownership of municipal housing for staff.	Town Manager Facilities Manager	Short-term
SF2.A.1. Work with Tourism Council, Chamber of Commerce and other partners to promote water conservation, energy conservation and solid waste reduction among tourism industry and visitors	Conservation Commission	Ongoing
SF2.B.1. Utilize on-site renewable sources of energy where feasible	Facilities Manager	Ongoing
SF2.B.2. Explore regional provision of services opportunities	Town Manager Town Council	Ongoing
SF2.C.1. Implement plans to provide improved facilities including a welcome center at New Harbor for visitors arriving by personal watercraft	Harbors Department Town Council Town Manager	Long-term

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SF2.D.1. Conduct a waste audit of municipal facilities	Town Manager	Short-term
SF2.D.2. Launch composting program and public education campaign	Conservation Commission Town Council	Short-term
SF2.D.3. Provide incentives to residents to compost and increase recycling efforts	Conservation Commission Town Council	Ongoing
SF2.D.4. Make necessary upgrades to the transfer station including drainage improvements and improved processing capabilities	Town Council Town Manager Facilities Manager	Long-term
SF2.E.1. Educate the public on the problems associated with impaired stormwater quality, the conditions which contribute to impaired water quality, and the actions which can be taken by the community both individually and as a whole to improve the quality of stormwater runoff	Planning Board Building, Zoning, Land Use & Planning Public Works Town Council	Short-term
SF2.E.2. Complete a watershed management plan	Building, Zoning, Land Use & Planning Planning Board Public Works Town Council	Medium-term
SF2.E.3. Review and strengthen current regulations regarding LID (low impact development) (NR2.A.3.)	Building, Zoning, Land Use & Planning Planning Board Town Council	Medium-term
SF2.E.4. Continue to identify inadequately functioning or failed systems through an inspection and monitoring program, first targeting critical resource areas	OWTS Inspector	Ongoing
SF2.E.5. Draft regulations which will require the eventually phase out septic systems which do not meet current standards for on-site treatment.	Planning Board Town Council	Short-term
NHCI.A.1. Complete an assessment of the potential impacts to public structures and infrastructure resulting from projected sea-level rise	GIS Engineering	Medium-term
NHCI.A.2. Include in the capital improvement program projects required to mitigate threats to infrastructure and properties	Planning Board Town Manager Town Council Facilities Manager	Ongoing
NHCI.A.3. Evaluate current zoning and land use regulations related to future impacts from climate change and sea level rise	Planning Board	Medium-term
NHCI.A.4. Conduct a planning study of Corn Neck Road to identify alternatives to mitigate future impacts from storms and climate change (TI.H.2.)	Building, Zoning, Land Use & Planning Planning Board Town Manager Town Council	Short-term

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NHC1.B.1. Work with the land trust and other stakeholder to identify and protect from development low-lying land vulnerable to impacts from flooding and sea level rise and areas adjacent to coastal wetlands susceptible to increased inundation due to sea level rise	Town Council Town Manager Land Trust Planning Board GIS Conservation Commission	Ongoing
NHC1.B.2. Install public walkover structures at the Town Beach to discourage traversing the fragile dunes (NR3.B.3.)	Town Manager Facilities Manager Building, Zoning, Land Use & Planning	Short-term
NHC1.B.3. Implement green infrastructure stormwater management strategies to enhance infiltration and increase retention on town properties and road right-of-ways	Engineering Building, Zoning, Land Use & Planning Planning Board	Long-term
NHC1.B.4. Evaluate the potential impacts of sea-level rise on public sewer infrastructure and potential inundation of onsite wastewater treatment systems	Engineering Planning Sewer Department	Medium-term
NHC1.B.5. Investigate options to mitigate flooding along Beach and Ocean Avenues and its impacts on public safety buildings and services	Engineering Building, Zoning, Land Use & Planning Planning Board	Medium-term
NHC1.C.1. Apply for funding to assist in implementing projects identified in the town's Hazard Mitigation Plan	Town Manager Engineering Building, Zoning, Land Use & Planning	Ongoing
NHC1.C.2. Establish a committee responsible for reviewing progress on implementation of the Hazard Mitigation Plan and activities resulting in CRS credit and other mitigation projects related to potential impacts of sea level rise	Town Council	Medium-term
NHC1.D.1. Assess the feasibility of burying power lines particularly in scenic and high risk areas and when road construction is planned	Town Manager	Medium-term
NHC2.A.1. Establish a process to directly contact special populations such as those who are particularly vulnerable due to location, age or infirmity, to ensure their understanding of procedures prior to and following a storm event	Emergency Management Public Safety Medical Center Information Technology GIS	Short-term
NHC2.A.2. Collaborate with agencies monitoring the impacts of climate change with efforts such as documenting high tide events, storm flooding impacts, bluff erosion and impacts on species	Emergency Management Public Safety Conservation Commission	Ongoing

IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM

Actions	Responsible Party	Timeframe
NHC2.B.1. Undertake actions that qualify the town for advanced FEMA CRS scoring	Building, Zoning, Land Use & Planning Town Manager	Short-term
LUI.A.1. Review and amend the zoning ordinance and the subdivision regulations as needed to ensure compatibility with the desired land use pattern 1. Higher density development should be restricted to the compact village and transition areas that have access to public water and sewer 2. Require residential development in the countryside to occur in a density and manner that is sensitive to, and complimentary of, the island's traditional landscape	Planning Board Town Council	Short-term
LUI.B.1. Evaluate results of build out analysis and make adjustments in policy and regulations as desired to meet the goals identified in this Comp Plan	Planning Board	Short-term
LUI.C.1. Identify amendments necessary to local subdivision regulations to ensure development occurs in a manner consistent with the goals of this Comp Plan	Planning Board	Short-term
LUI.C.2. Review Flexible Subdivision Design (conservation-style) to ensure regulations will result in desired development and open space set aside outcomes	Planning Board Town Council	Short-term
LUI.C.3. Undertake a review of the Planned Development Regulations, with amendments to extend its application to all of the commercial and mixed use districts and to focus on creative mixed-use development as well as affordable housing	Planning Board Town Council	Medium-term
LUI.D.1. Undertake a review of all mixed use and commercial zones with possible amendments to their definitions, allowed uses, dimensional requirements and district boundaries	Planning Board Town Council	Short-term
LUI.F.1. Amend zoning ordinance to be consistent with applicable state and federal requirements pertaining to airport hazards	Planning Board Town Council	Short-term
LUI.G.1. Prepare and implement a Village Design Plan that promotes the historic and walkable qualities of this dense mixed-use center	Planning Planning Board Historic District Commission Old Harbor Task Force	Medium-term
LUI.G.2. Review regulations for parking and pedestrian access in both the zoning and subdivision regulations, and consider amendments to allow flexibility in parking requirements and to strengthen provisions for sidewalks and pathways as part of new development in the village and transitional areas	Planning Planning Board Historic District Commission Old Harbor Task Force	Medium-term
<i>Note: Highlighted actions are related to items included in the Town's Capital Improvement Program.</i>		